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BELORUSSIAN CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS INDUSTRY REORGANIZED; SCORE LACK OF COORDINATION IN LEMINGRAD, MOSCOW ENTERPRISES

TRUSTS ABOLISHED, ENTERPRISES CONSOLIDATED -- Minsk, Sovetskaya Belorussiya, 30 Dec 50

During 1950, the Delorussian SSR abolished a number of trusts of the construction materials industry, which resulted in improved operations and reduction of overhead expenses. Another measure taken by the government to improve the administrative system and reduce expenses was the consolidation of all enterprises located in one city under one plant administration. For example, one construction materials combine was formed on the basis of four Gomel' construction materials plants. Instead of having four directors, four chief engineers, etc., only a small staff was left. The combine has been successful in handling the combined material and labor resources and is able to cope with all its production tasks, which could not always be said of the Gomel' enterprises before consolidation. Similar results have been obtained by the Vitebsk, Bobruysk, and other construction materials combines.

As a result of reorganization, there are now six combines and 19 plants instead of the former 40 enterprises under the Ministry of Construction Materials Industry Belorussian SSR, and the number of personnel has been reduced considerably. Administrative and overhead expenses have also decreased.

At the same time, despite the increase in volume of operations in connection with supplies and sales, as well as the increase of construction work, "Glavsnabsbyt" (Main Administration for Supply and Sales) and the government construction and assembly trust in Belorussia were abolished. "Glavenabsbyt" with its staff of 25 people has been replaced by a supply and sales section of the ministry with ll employees. This considerable reduction has been made possible by establishing a close contact between the newly formed section and other sections of the ministry and by eliminating duplication and unnecessary correspondence. The abolition of the small and insignificant construction and assembly trust has also proved to be beneficial. As a result of the complete reorganization and reduction of expenses, the republic has saved about one million rubles per year.

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It must be said that even though there has been an improvement in the administrative system, not all shortcomings in the management of lagging enterprises have been corrected. As mentioned previously in the press, there are still enterprises which are not meeting production plans.

Much remains to be done in reorganizing the administration of republic construction organizations. All construction should be concentrated under one ministry (with exception of construction of Union enterprises). At present, construction in the republic is scattered over a large number of construction organizations, including some very small ones. It is high time to consolidate these republic construction organizations and to create one Ministry for Construction in the Belorussian SSR.

REINFORCED-CONCRETE PARTS PRODUCTION IN LENINGRAD LACKS UNIFICATION -- Moscow, Promyshlennost' Stroitel'nykh Materialov, 8 Dec 50

The industrialization of construction methods has sharply increased the demand for prefabricated reinforced-concrete parts. For this purpose, the "Barrikada" Plant in Leningrad has considerably expanded its production. Until recently, this plant was producing only water pipes and curbstones. Now an increasing portion of its production is devoted to construction parts.

The production of reinforced-concrete parts is becoming more and more important. However, this branch of industry still needs much improvement and reorganization. In Leningrad, for example, a large number of enterprises are producing reinforced-concrete items and all of these enterprises are scattered over different government departments. Seven large and medium-sized enterprises are under the jurisdiction of the Leningrad City Soviet Executive Committee, but they are not united under one common administration. Two plants, "Barrikada" and "Stroydetal;" are subordinated to the Administration of Construction Materials Industry. A number of other administrations and trusts have their own plants. This lack of unification has a negative effect on production. To protect state interests, it is imperative that all of these numerous enterprises producing prefabricated reinforced-concrete parts be united.

MOSCOW PLANNING, RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS NOT COORDINATED -- Moscow, Promyshlennost' Stroitel'nykh Materialov, 12 Jan 51

Many planning and scientific research organizations in Moscow are working in the field of construction materials industry. The Technical Council of the Ministry of Construction Materials Industry USSR is responsible for coordinating and directing the efforts of all these organizations. Unfortunately, the Technical Council has restricted its activities to a narrow field within the ministry and does not take an interest in the work of other organizations. As a result, there is much duplication of effort and waste of scientific work. For example, "Promstroyproyekt" (Construction Planning of Industrial Enterprises)
Trust is working on plans for new types of artificial driers, complex brick-making machines, unloading machines, etc. Much has been done by workers of Tenlips (Central Scientific Research Institute of Industrial Structures). However, the achievements of these workers have not been made available to the entire industry owing to the absence of a coordinating center. This function should be fulfilled by the Technical Council of the Ministry of Construction Materials Industry USSR.

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